

MINUTES

TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Development Committee

November 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Health Related Boards' Iris Room, 227 French Landing, Ground Floor, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Mitchell Mutter MD. Other members of the committee present were: Dennis Higdon MD and Regine Webster.

Other Members Present: Keith Lovelady MD, Neal Beckford, Michael Zanolli, Michael Baron, MD, Barrett Rosen, MD, Ms. Pat Eller and Ms. Nina Yeiser.

Staff present included Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director, Larry Arnold, MD, Medical Director, Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager, Board Administrator and Andrea Huddleston, Deputy General Counsel and Advisory Attorney.

Others Present: Ms. Jane Young, General Counsel, Department of Health

Minutes

Dr. Mutter called the meeting to order and introduced John Dreyzehner, MD, Commissioner for the Department of Health. Dr. Dreyzehner introduced himself and spoke about his recent appointment to the Governor's cabinet as his Commissioner for the Department of Health. Dr. Dreyzehner told the members present a little bit about his medical training, his background and his passion for public health. Dr. Dreyzehner thanked the Board for its hard work and commitment to public service and outlined some of his goals and objectives for not just the Board, but all health-related boards. There was a very brief discussion about management of the disciplinary responsibilities of the Board and possible changes in how disciplinary matters will be conducted. Dr. Mutter (who indicated he had previously met with Dr. Dreyzehner) formally welcomed Dr. Dreyzehner and told him that the entire board looked forward to a positive working relationship with him.

Dr. Dreyzehner then introduced his new General Counsel, Ms. Jane Young who introduced herself to the members present and discussed her goals and objectives. Ms. Young also told the members present that it was her desire to litigate a disciplinary matter or matters in the near future. Ms. Young, who was welcomed enthusiastically by all members present, took a few questions primarily about the contemplated changes in the management of disciplinary matters. Ms. Young indicated that the changes designed to speed up the process are still under review.

Ms. Otto then discussed her review of the administrative office's activities for the first seven months of 2010. Ms. Otto looked at ten random applications from each month to measure the time between the receipt of the application and the date the license was issued. Ms. Otto reported that the average processing time for a medical doctor application is 51.06 days. The breakdown is as follows:

January 2011	30.1
February 2011	80.3
March 2011	46.0
April 2011	35.0
May 2011	54.7
June 2011	52.0
July 2011	52.0
August 2011	<u>48.4</u>
Average Time in Adm. Office	<u>51.0625</u>

Ms. Otto also reported that the Board's administrative office issued 1797 licenses across all professions under the BME umbrella from January through September 2011 and that Dr. Arnold (who is required to review each application) reviews approximately 200 applications per month.

The Committee adjourned at 6:55 p.m.